

Benson High School JROTC

Marching to Normandy, One Step at a Time

The distance from Omaha, NE to Normandy France is 4,396 miles. To get there, Benson High School Magnet Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets started one step at a time to raise the \$3,236 cost for each student to take part in the 70th annual D-Day Parade.

Benson JROTC instructor First Sergeant Dan Falcon is excited to provide an educational opportunity for cadets to participate and learn of the sacrifices made by WWII veterans. The Corps of cadets have also been given the honor to lead the survivors of Omaha Beach in the Official D-Day Parade.

In order to take part in this historic field trip, the cadets need to raise monies to cover air fare, in country transportation and lodging fees. Future fundraising events include:

January 12 – Benson High (5120 Maple St) Pancake Man (11 am -1pm) and Open House 1pm-3pm

February 14 – Benson High Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner and Benson's All City Choir performance 5-7:30 pm

February 23 – Benson VFW (8904 Military Rd) Pancake Feed 7 am -noon

March 28 – Benson High School March-a-thon

Senior cadet Anastasia recently summed up her thoughts about this trip with this comment, "This is such a once in a lifetime experience, before this I never thought that I would actually be able to go outside of the country. Not only am I over the moon about being able to go to France, but we will be there for The 70th Anniversary of D-Day. Something I could only dream of."

You can help Ana and her fellow classmates step out of the classroom by making a financial donation or by attending an event.

Donations can be sent to: Omaha Schools Foundation, ATTN: Benson D-Day Trip 3215 Cuming Street Omaha, NE 68131 Or online at: www.omahaschoolfoundation.org

Leadership Bowl Team - Advances to Level 2

Dalton Dillow	Satin Morley
Tre Lewis	Brittany Grimaldo
Donovan Carter	Shalom Combs

January 15 - 31, 2014

PRACTICE ROUND for LEVEL 2

February 01 - 15, 2014

LEVEL 2 "ZERO HOUR THREAT" (Team Event)

June 20 - 24, 2014

LEVEL 3 "JROTC Academic Bowl Championship and the JROTC Tri-Service Academic Bowl Championship

Century Link Volunteers Needed

Annual Formal Inspection

WRISTBANDS (must be Age 19)
CREIGHTON Basketball
January 14TH, 25TH

CONCESSION STANDS (must be 21)
Jan 28th CREIGHTON Basketball

CenturyLink Center Omaha
455 North 10th Street

If you can work contact:
LTC DeBolt at 402 980-0554

Once a year Benson High School cadets undergo a rigorous inspection that tests the knowledge they acquired in their JROTC classes.

The Annual Formal Inspection (AFI) is an event cadets prepare for the entire school year. An inspection team led by Nebraska National Guard Captain Bartling arrived on campus at 7:40 in the morning to begin the day and were greeted by the Saber Team led by Cadet Major Feltner. After a briefing with school Principal Mrs. Baldwin the inspection team was given a tour of the school by Cadet Lt. Colonel Liz Green, Battalion Commander.

The inspection team then headed to the JROTC classroom room for a meeting with the Battalion Staff. Each member of the Battalion Staff delivered a report about what their responsibilities entail in the Cadet Corps and recapped what they have done in their position throughout the school year.

CPT Bartling also took a moment in the staff meeting to recognize Benson cadets for their participation in the area Veteran's Day activities, their efforts against Domestic Violence and their participation in the Army vs. Navy flag football game to raise money for cancer.

After CPT Bartling's comments to the Battalion Staff, the inspection team spread out to each of their respective areas to inspect. The Corps of Cadets lined up in the main gym for the In Ranks Inspection under the direction of 1SG Falcon. Here the inspection team examined each cadet in formation, checking to make sure uniforms and position were correct. The Battalion Staff were also under inspection to ensure they were in compliance with Cadet Command Regulations.

After the noon mess, the inspection team examined the Color Guard and Drill Team. CPT Bartling announced that the inspection team's result was positive and for the 20th year, Benson JROTC retained the Honor Unit with Distinction designation. To congratulate them on a successful day, Benson's Culinary Art's provided refreshments for the Corps and their parents.

Upcoming Events

- 10 Jan Varsity BB Color Guard
- 11 Jan AL Drill Competition
- 12 Jan Pancake Man 11am -1 pm
- 12 Jan Benson 8th Grade Open House 1pm - 3pm
- 17 Jan Varsity BB Color Guard
- 23 Jan OPS Biathlon - North
- 25 Jan Papillion-LaVista Drill Meet
- 31 Jan Varsity BB Color Guard
- 1 Feb OPS Drill - Central
- 8 Feb All City Music - Color Guard
- 8 Feb Varsity BB Color Guard
- 13 Feb Leadership Bowl
- 14 Feb Spaghetti Sweetheart Dinner 5 pm - 7:30 pm at Benson
- 15 Feb Varsity BB Color Guard
- 21 Feb OPS Color Guard - NW
- 21 Feb Varsity BB Color Guard
- 23 Feb Pancake Breakfast VFW 7 am - Noon
- 24-Feb-18 Apr Air Rifle League
- 8 Mar Bellevue East Drill
- 28 March - JROTC March-a-thon
- 4-5 April Des Moines Drill
- 15 Apr - Cadet Challenge - Benson
- 30 Apr - JROTC Awards Night
- 1 May - Searching for Humanity - SAC
- 2-5 June JCLC Camp Ashland
- 2-10 June D-Day Parade, France